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Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application to contain the indicated specific reference to Application Serial Number 60/361,247 from which Applicants hereby claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite any further prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any fees or fee deficiencies under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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In The Specification

Paragraph [0001] beginning on page 2 has been amended as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application number [] 60/361,247 entitled "Speculative Execution for Data Ciphering Operations," filed March 1, 2002.